

Maybe Team Will Take Brace Now That It Has Come Home

Lack of Hits in Pinches Principal Fault—Morning Practice Ordered—Elberfeld to Rely Upon Genteel Kicking Against Decisions.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Home at last! But, it does not seem like the old home for our brave boys. When they left for Boston on the night of May 28 for their thirty-four-day trip they were seventh in the American League, with fourteen games won and nineteen lost, for a percentage of .43, which entitled them to wear their score clothes on an evening and go out visiting on Sundays. Now they are back home in last place with twenty-two games won and forty-one lost for a percentage of .349. When they went away the favorite amusement of the local baseball writers was figuring out the number of games the team would have to win to get to the top of the second division, the promised land for us this year. Now the hope is along the lines of trying to evolve a system by which they may climb into seventh once more.

Manager Cantillon's remarks on the situation, we shall not reproduce in a great fairly newspaper. Besides, we could say it just as well whether he were here or not. The substance of his outpouring of tribulations is that he does not know what is the matter. Neither does any one else. The team is simply not playing up to its form at bat, and you can't beat that combination. The pitchers are going good, the fielding is, as a rule, excellent, and the men are devoting themselves heart and soul to their work, but when the hit is needed it isn't forthcoming.

Just to show he is not overlooking any bats, the manager had some of his men out this morning for a little warming up, especially in hitting. That record of one run in four games in Philadelphia got his goat, and some of our leading twirlers were told to let themselves loose at their comrades with all their might in an effort to brighten the dimmed glims. Let us hope this will help some, even if it is a severe trial to poor, hard-working ballplayers.

Walter Johnson and Bertie Koeley went to the park this morning. Koeley will probably pitch the second game today. The youngster is tickled to death with the big league and has shown form that indicates he will become a fixture in the fast company.

Johnson looks well, but not like a thoroughly-hardened athlete. His color is lighter than it should be, despite the fact that he is a blonde, and he does not give the impression of being ready to show the speed and stamina which distinguished him last year. He was full of enthusiasm and lively spirits, and there is little fear that he will not round into shape again as a phenom.

Tannehill is carded to pitch the first game this afternoon, with Koeley or Cates in the second. This is a good attraction, for there is great interest in all three of these pitchers, especially in Tannehill. The last named may not accomplish wonders for the club, but it is a dead moral certainty he could not do worse than Patten was doing when Patten was traded to Boston for Tannehill.

"We simply can't hit at the right time," wailed Ollie Pickering this morning as he was doing a modest 200 in the Eating League at the Regent. The anecdote was going lightly on the feed proposition, for these are the stomachs fitting for the stomachs, continued Ollie, "and when I do hit it is wasted. Yesterday in one inning I led off with a two-bagger and could not even get to third. When there is a man on bases and I slam the ball,

some feller gets his picture in the papers for making a sensational stop. I never saw a team not only so anxious to win, but even vicious about it as our club right now, but you see what we have been accomplishing. It can't break that way all the time and I am willing to make a bet we will do better at home than we did on the road."

Manager Elberfeld was busy writing letters at the Arlington this morning, but was making slow progress. "I have writers' cramp," quoth he. "Ever since I was appointed manager I have found that I have more friends who have saved my reputation, or my life, or my glove, or something than you dream with a double dose of hope. All these kind-faced individuals have been willing to call it square if I would just toss off a few passes. At first they came so strong and put it so good, that I could not keep from falling, but now I am wised up and it's me for the frozen front. I am referring them to our trusty secretary who can turn down a would-be passer in seven languages and with both hands from the shoulder. I am more than delighted to slip the cards to ball players, but outsiders will have to see Abe Nathan, and if they get away with him, they are welcome."

"I expect to use Orth and Klebow in the first game today, and Hahn and Blair in the second, with Doc Newton as a reserve force," continued the Yankee manager. "On Saturday I am going to introduce a little novelty in the way of a kid battery—Vaughn, pitcher, and Sweeney, catcher. We have been carrying them all season and giving them little to do, until they have become so restless that we are going to let them have a chance. Each is nineteen years old, and they will make the youngest battery in the major leagues. Vaughn was picked up at Hot Springs on the training trip, and Sweeney is a product of the Arkansas State League."

A careful survey of Manager Elberfeld's features showed no trace of umpire's gore around his chops, a "hot" he has the reputation of consuming the officials alive without salt. That he is not going to devote his time on the bench to crocheting or studying the political platform was evident from his remarks. Nor has he reversed himself and ordered his trusty benchmen to keep quiet when rubbed the wrong way by decisions. Instead of the policy of non-resistance he has figured out a system of dainty, refined, non-profrane protesting which he thinks will deliver the goods.

"If you keep your mouth shut all the time, and the ump's are going bad, they will become careless and hot on you when they don't intend to," enunciated the Tobacco Kid. "My idea is that when they are off color, a pointed but kindly remark will make them see a great light, or, at least, make them think of the other side. I have told the Yanks that when they have a kick coming to make it in good plain English, but nothing doing with scandalous reflections on the arbitrator's ancestry or the hot stuff the newspapers represent by dashes. None of that goes, for it causes the untimely bouncing of men we need in the game, and a decent howl will accomplish just as many results without stirring the big boss to the suspending point."

The New York line-up today will be the same as usual, but tomorrow it will probably be changed. Nier going to fourth place because of his recent hitting streak.

Elberfeld speaks most highly of Moriarity's game at first base, but the absence of the manager himself and Hal Chase is seriously felt. Chase was playing second against Boston this week when, because of lack of familiarity with the job, he let Jimmy Collins slide into and hurt his ankle. The doctors say the great first sacker will be in the game by next Monday.

Elberfeld has been out since he was spiked so badly in the last series here by Ganley. He has been out since he was spiked so badly in the last series here by Ganley, but any violent exertion displaces the leaders in his ankle which were knocked out of place, and put him out of business.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS SENSATIONAL DEAL

Purchase of Minor Leaguers for \$17,000 Does Not Sound Right. Officials Reticent.

NEW YORK, July 2.—The New York National League baseball office was yesterday shrouded in mystery so far as the alleged purchase of Pitcher Marquard, of Indianapolis, and Catcher Meyers, of St. Paul, for \$17,000 is concerned. Secretary Fred Knowles would neither affirm nor deny the story, while John J. McGraw was equally reticent. Knowles was not a bit backward in saying that the Giants were out for a first-class pitcher or two at any price, but when it came to the Marquard case he balked on making any statement.

It may all be so, but—well, the likes never happened before, and it is pretty hard to take it all in. One could understand the outlay of \$10,000 for a pitcher of the class of Mathewson, or Wild Bill Donovan, or Mordecai Brown. Six thousand slow coming "bucks" wouldn't be extravagant in winning the services of a King or a Breanan or a Sullivan. But for minor league material—that's a horse of another color or altogether. Napoleon Lajoie, Hans Wagner, or Ty Cobb would be worth a small fortune to any club from the box office end. People will not pay to see inexperienced men. They have to make a reputation before they are worth 10 cents as a drawing card. The Giants may have paid those fabulous prices. But you do not have to look far to discern any amount of exploded phantasms who have simply "eaten 'em alive" in the minors. Marquard is an exceptional minor league pitcher. He may even develop into something better than the present stars of the big league. But he has to show the goods first. Certain it is that if John T. Brush came across with the alleged inducements he is a much bolder man than any other in baseball.

NEW ARBITER SLATED. CHICAGO, July 2.—Umpire "Bull" Ferrine, of the Pacific Coast League, is slated for a berth in the American League next season. President Ben Johnson has been making inquiries about the Westerner and learned nothing that did not redound to the credit of the indicator handler. Ferrine has been highly recommended by all the magnates of the Coast League and there is not a manager in the organization that does not say "bull" is one of the best umpires they have known. According to the Californians, it is already settled that the umpire is to travel for Johnson next summer.

American League.

Yesterday's Results. Philadelphia, 2; Washington, 0. Cleveland, 1; St. Louis, 1. Detroit, 3; Chicago, 1. Boston, 4; New York, 2.

Today's Games. New York at Washington. Detroit at Cleveland. St. Louis at Chicago. Boston at Philadelphia.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	25	23	.521
St. Louis	28	27	.509
Chicago	26	29	.474
Detroit	25	29	.461
Philadelphia	22	31	.415
Boston	20	37	.345
New York	26	37	.412
Washington	22	41	.349

National League.

Yesterday's Results. Brooklyn, 4; New York, 0. Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 1. Boston, 14; Philadelphia, 5. Chicago, 5; Cincinnati, 1.

Today's Games. Brooklyn at Boston. Chicago at Pittsburgh. Cincinnati at St. Louis. Philadelphia at New York.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	40	24	.625
Chicago	39	25	.608
New York	37	28	.569
Cincinnati	34	31	.523
Philadelphia	27	39	.407
Boston	29	37	.438
St. Louis	24	40	.375
Brooklyn	23	39	.364

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ENTRIES ARE LIGHT FOR GLIDDEN TOUR

Manufacturers Backward, Although Conditions Favor Good Records. Change Made in Route.

Entries for the A. A. A. or Glidden Tour close tomorrow night with Chairman Hower, in Buffalo, but for some reason manufacturers seem rather loath to enter their cars in the tour this year. This on the face of it seems rather curious, as heretofore the tour has been rather loosely conducted, while this year observers are to be carried, and a record will be kept of what each car does, so that a clean sweep this year will really be not only a hall mark of credit to the successful manufacturer, but a guarantee to the purchaser that the car has really earned a name for itself in fair and open competition.

A change was announced by Chairman Frank Hower yesterday in the program for the Glidden tour, whereby the tourists remain two days at Boston, and continue the tour for fifteen days in instead of fourteen. Starting from Buffalo on July 3, the cars will cover the route as laid down to Boston, arriving there on Friday night, July 7. Saturday and Sunday will be spent there, and the tour then proceed to Poland Springs, Rangeley Lakes, Bethlehem, and Saratoga Springs, winding up on July 23.

LETTER FOR CONGRESSIONAL

A letter addressed to the Manager of the Congressional Baseball Team is in the hands of the Sporting Editor of The Times.

ATTRACTIVE CARDS FOR GOTHAM CLUBS

Hot Weather Does Not Stop Fighters—Clever Bouts in New York.

NEW YORK, July 2.—Warm weather does not disturb the boxing clubs, which now dot every district of Greater New York. Although a couple of the better known organizations have closed their doors for the heated term, and two have opened hot weather quarters near the sea side, supply and demand continue unabated.

The Olympic and Fairmont clubs have attractive cards for tonight. At the Harlem club house of the Olympics Kid Stringer and Joe Hanrahan will swap wallop for six rounds as the main attraction, while Mark Devine and Kid Green are matched for the semi-windup.

One of the best lightweight fights of the local season should be the six-round bout between Johnny Frayne, lightweight champion of California, and Jack Dorman, the crack fighter of the Bronx. They will meet in the star bout at the star of the Fairmont A. C. Tomorrow night Billy Brown's summer club at Rockaway Beach will hold the boards. There will be three good six-round bouts between Harry Scroggs, of Baltimore, and Harry Pers, of New York; Johnny Carroll and Jack Jones, and Young O'Leary, of New York, and Willie Burns, of Jersey City.

On Monday next Charlie Griffin, the featherweight champion of Australia, and the boy who beat Jim Bowker in eight rounds, will have his first real tryout in this country, when he tackles Leach Cross, at the Roman A. C. Grif-

ROLLER EASY MEAT FOR FRANK GOTCH

Champion Wins in Two Straight Falls—Seattle Wrestler's Marked Gameness.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 2.—Frank Gotch's title of champion of the world was never in danger with his last match with Dr. B. F. Roller, of this city, last night. Gotch won in two straight falls, the first obtained in fifteen minutes and twenty-five seconds, and the second in twenty-one minutes and fifty-four seconds. Gotch completely outclassed the local man in every department with the exception of gameness.

Nothing could be gamier than the way Roller got up after breaking one of Gotch's most punishing toe holds, and although limping badly came back at the champion aggressive and full of fight.

MT. ROYALS VS. SOX.

The Mt. Royals are slated to play the White Sox in the Northeast Junior League today at North Capitol and L streets. A good game is expected, as these are two of the fastest teams in the league.

DYGERT HAS BETTER OF THOMAS HUGHES

Nationals Reach Bases, But Can't Advance Runners. Milan's Catch.

PHILADELPHIA, July 2.—The Athletics made a clean sweep of the series with Washington, accentuating their last victory yesterday with a shut-out, 2 to 0.

For a game with such a small score and so few base hits the contest was unnecessarily long and draggy, it taking over two hours to play eight and a half innings. It may have been the heat that took all the ginger out of the players, but the game was in marked contrast with the others, all of which were fast and snappy.

Dygert and Hughes met in what developed into a pitcher's battle, and the local spitball artist had all the better of his veteran opponent. Jimmy got in a little bad in the second inning when he wobbled a bit in his control, but quickly recovered himself, and was the dominant factor in the game thereafter. Washington had men on bases in all but three innings, but no matter what the calibre of batsmen that followed the result was always the same—they could not advance the base runners, and proved easy victims of Dygert's skill, or his support rallied and cut off the expected scoring.

Two Die on Bases. The nearest Washington got to the plate was in the ninth, when Davis error and Altizer's hit with an out put men on third and second, but Clymer was unequal to the task of solving Dygert's spitters even though the previous time he had made a scratch hit.

Hughes always was a puzzle to the Athletics and yesterday was no exception, but they succeeded in reaching the Washington pitcher in two innings for more than a single hit, and thus scored enough runs to win.

The work of both pitchers was too good to allow brilliant fielding, most of the chances being easy. The exceptions were a great catch of E. Collins' short fly to center by Milan after a hard run, the visiting centerfielder getting the ball almost at his shoe tops, and the fielding of Dygert, who stopped several hard raps cleverly. Washington again played without an error, though that was not to be wondered at when the opportunities were taken into consideration.

Score:

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Washington	4	0	0	8	0	0
Milan, lf.	4	0	1	1	1	1
Shinke, 2b.	3	0	1	1	1	1
Ganley, cf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Pickering, rf.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Street, c.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Freeman, 3b.	4	0	0	7	0	0
Altizer, 2b.	3b.	2	0	1	0	2
McBride, ss.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hughes, p.	2	0	0	0	4	0
Cates, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clymer, 2b.	2	0	1	0	0	0
Tannehill	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	0	5	24	11	0

*Batted for Shipke in eighth.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Philadelphia	4	0	1	2	0	0
Hartel, lf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Nichols, 2b.	3	0	1	0	3	0
Davis, 1b.	3	0	1	13	1	1
Roby, 3b.	4	0	1	0	0	0
J. Collins, 3b.	3	0	1	1	4	0
Oldring, cf.	3	0	1	3	0	0
E. Collins, ss.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Powers, c.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Dygert, p.	3	0	1	1	4	0
Totals	28	0	8	27	14	1

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Philadelphia..... 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 x-2

Hits—Off Hughes, 8, in seven innings. Left on bases—Washington, 3; Philadelphia, 5. Bases on balls—Off Dygert, 3; off Hughes, 2; off Cates, 1. Struck out—By Dygert, 6; by Hughes, 5. Three-base hit—Davis. Runners caught—Murphy, E. Collins, Pickering, Ganley, Stolen base—Shipke. Wild pitch—Hughes. Umpires—Messers, Egan and Hurst. Time of game—2 hours and 5 minutes. Attendance—3,100.

A MERE STUDENT.

"My son has finished another year at college." "With credit, I hope." "Well, no. He was conditioned in both tennis and baseball."—Exchange.

Amateur Leagues

Yesterday's Results. Departmental League—Interstate Commerce, 3; Treasury, 3; Agriculture, 13; Navy, 4; the Ellipse. Capital City League—Brentwood, 4; Bloomingdale A. C., 2; Capital City Park. Sunday School League—Fifth, 3; Grace, 2; Sixth and D streets northeast. Marquette League—Turner A. C., 13; St. Vincent's, 8; Thirteenth and D streets northeast. Commercial League—National Electric Supply Company, 11; W. B. Moses & Sons, 2; Eighth and Florida avenue northeast. Independence League—Advent A. C., 8; Ninth Street, 1; McDewitt's Field. Columbia League—Eckington, 3; Metropolitan, 1; First and W streets northeast. Railroad Y. M. C. A. League—Trainmen, 15; R. & O., 4; Fifth and Florida avenue northeast. Commerce and Labor League—No games scheduled.

Today's Games

Departmental League—Postoffice vs. Commerce and Labor, on the Ellipse. Capital City League—Bloomingdale A. C. vs. Government Printing Office, at Capital City park. Sunday School League—Bethany vs. First, at Sixth and D streets northeast. Marquette League—St. Joseph's vs. Marines, at Thirteenth and D streets northeast. Commercial League—William Hahn & Co. vs. E. J. Murphy Company, at Eighth street and Florida avenue northeast. Independence League—Wallach A. C. vs. Twining A. C., at McDewitt's Field, Lincoln and Rhode Island avenues northeast. Columbia League—Congressional vs. Cardinals, at First and W streets northeast. Railroad Y. M. C. A. League—Coach Yard vs. Union Station, at Fifth and Florida avenue northeast. Commerce and Labor League—Census vs. Coast and Geodetic Survey, on Monument Lot.

THE GENTLE CYNIC.

Aside from the moral side of it, bigamy is a luxury few men can afford. Conscience doesn't believe in straining its vocal chords. Many a man's popularity begins and ends with himself. In looking ahead some people are entirely too previous. Some rich men are as crooked as the dollar but kind brands them. It's a safe plan to believe only half you hear, and then forget most of that. If you want to know how to manage a wife, ask a man who has never had one.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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